

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to MPEP § 609, Applicants understand that the Examiner will, as part of his examination of this application, consider the art of record in the parent application. A form PTO-1449 is enclosed, citing the art of record in the parent application, but, pursuant to MPEP § 609, no new copies of such art are provided; should the Examiner wish to have such submitted, however, Applicants will gladly do so upon request.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

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A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,441,544 issued from Application No. 09/337,250, of record in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/699,394. One copy of U.S. Patent 6,441,544 is enclosed.

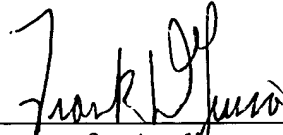
For the concise statement of relevance of the first three non-English documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, the Examiner is referred to the International Search Report submitted in the parent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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